TENNESSEE
LABOR MARKET REPORT

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DATA FOR MARCH 1985

TENNESSEE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	March 1984				Revised February 1985				Preliminary March 1985			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
U.S. 1/	111,828,000	102,770,000	9,057,000	8.1	113,592,000	104,690,000	8,902,000	7.8	114,394,000	105,768,000	8,625,000	7.5
TENNESSEE 2/	2,171,300	1,977,100	194,200	8.9	2,233,200	2,029,900	203,300	9.1	2,235,200	2,052,200	183,000	8.2
MSA's												
CHATTANOOGA	195,800	180,400	15,400	7.9	202,500	187,000	15,500	7.7	202,700	188,900	13,800	6.8
JOHNSON CITY KINGSPORT BRISTOL	205,900	187,800	18,100	8.8	205,600	187,000	18,600	9.0	205,200	188,900	16,300	7.9
KNOXVILLE	262,100	236,000	26,100	10.0	260,100	235,500	24,600	9.5	259,600	237,900	21,700	8.4
MEMPHIS	113,200	380,300	32,300	7.8	424,200	395,900	28,300	6.7	425,000	398,800	26,200	6.2
NASHVILLE	463,900	437,200	26,700	5.8	484,700	460,000	24,700	5.1	487,200	464,300	22,900	4.7

1/ Error range for these estimates is plus or minus 0.2 percentage points.
2/ Error range for these estimates cannot be computed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE SHARPLY DECREASES

Tennessee's unemployment rate dropped from 9.1 percent to 8.2 percent in March. The labor force and employment increased while the unemployment level decreased. The U.S. unemployment rate decreased from 7.8 percent to 7.5 percent.

Total nonagricultural employment increased from 1,806,100 in February to 1,827,500 in March, a change of 1.2 percent. Manufacturing employment increased from 489,600 to 491,100, a change of 0.3 percent. Employment in the nonmanufacturing sector also increased from 1,316,500 to 1,336,400, or 1.5 percent. These changes follow the five-year, February-to-March trend, with the exception of a manufacturing decrease during the 1982 recession.

Specific industries following seasonal trends include lumber, apparel, construction, trade, services, and government. Decreases occurring in electrical machinery and transportation equipment were attributed to a plant closing, layoffs, and a decrease in several business establishments.

The Nashville MSA had the lowest MSA unemployment rate of 4.7 percent. The unemployment rate decreased in 83 counties, increased in 10 counties and remained unchanged in 2 counties. The rates ranged from a low of 2.6 percent in Williamson County to a high of 25.2 percent i Cocke County.

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STATEWIDE

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	March 1984	February 1985	March 1985	Net Change Mar. 1984 to Mar. 1985	Net Change Feb. 1985 to Mar. 1985
TOTAL	1,775.5	1,806.1	1,827.5	+52.0	+21.4
Manufacturing	492.1	489.6	491.1	-1.0	+1.5
Durable Goods	232.4	237.6	237.6	+5.2	0.0
Lumber	18.2	17.5	18.2	0.0	+0.7
Furniture and Fixtures	22.8	27.4	27.2	+4.4	-0.2
Stone, Clay & Glass	14.1	14.4	14.9	+0.8	+0.5
Primary Metal Industries	16.4	17.6	17.6	+1.2	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	38.1	38.5	38.7	+0.6	+0.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	35.8	37.5	37.7	+1.9	+0.2
Electrical Machinery	39.5	38.0	37.3	-2.2	-0.7
Transportation Equipment	28.8	28.2	27.3	-1.5	-0.9
Precision Instruments & Ordnance	8.3	8.7	8.9	+0.6	+0.2
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10.3	9.8	9.8	-0.5	0.0
Nondurable Goods	259.7	252.0	253.5	-6.2	+1.5
Food Products	36.2	35.7	35.8	-0.4	+0.1
Meat Products	6.6	6.9	6.8	+0.2	-0.1
Dairy Products	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.0	0.0
Tobacco	1.8	1.7	1.7	-0.1	0.0
Textile Mills	26.1	24.2	23.9	-2.2	-0.3
Knitting Mills	12.6	11.8	11.8	-0.8	0.0
Yarn & Thread Mills	2.4	2.1	2.1	-0.3	0.0
Apparel	68.6	66.0	66.5	-2.1	+0.5
Paper	17.2	18.4	18.5	+1.3	+0.1
Printing & Publishing	30.4	30.8	30.8	+0.4	0.0
Chemicals	41.5	40.9	41.3	-0.2	+0.4
Petroleum Refining, Etc.	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Rubber	22.7	21.4	21.9	-0.8	+0.5
Leather	14.4	12.2	12.4	-2.0	+0.2
Nonmanufacturing	1,283.4	1,316.5	1,336.4	+53.0	+19.9
Mining	7.4	7.1	7.7	+0.3	+0.6
Construction	70.1	66.7	71.9	+1.8	+5.2
Trans., Comm. & Public Utilities	86.9	90.4	90.8	+3.9	+0.4
Trade	396.8	426.6	430.8	+34.0	+4.2
Wholesale Trade	109.9	118.4	120.3	+10.4	+1.9
Wholesale Durable Goods	61.2	64.7	65.3	+4.1	+0.6
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	48.7	53.7	55.0	+6.3	+1.3
Retail Trade	286.9	308.2	310.5	+23.6	+2.3
Retail General Merchandise	43.3	46.6	46.1	+2.8	-0.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	84.8	84.7	85.3	+0.5	+0.6
Banking	26.4	27.1	27.1	+0.7	0.0
Insurance Carriers	21.4	21.2	21.2	-0.2	0.0
Services	337.7	346.4	352.7	+15.0	+6.3
Government	299.7	294.6	297.2	-2.5	+2.6
Federal	59.5	60.0	60.6	+1.1	+0.6
State and Local	240.2	234.6	236.6	-3.6	+2.0
State	65.4	70.9	71.1	+5.7	+0.2
Local	174.8	163.7	165.5	-9.3	+1.8

*Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households and unpaid family workers are excluded. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

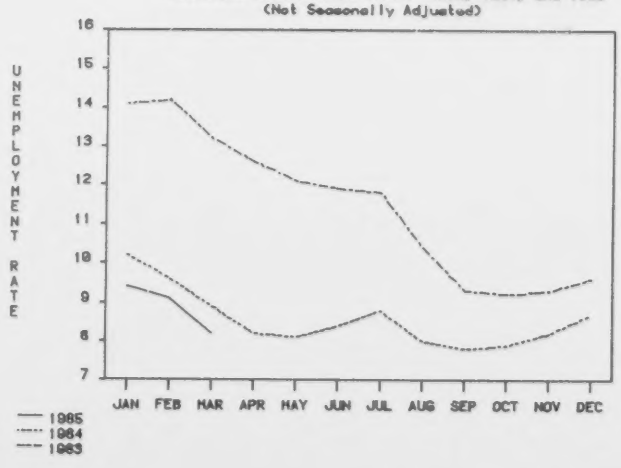
JOB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Feb. 1985	TOTAL Mar. 1985	FEMALE Feb. 1985	FEMALE Mar. 1985	NON-WHITE Feb. 1985	NON-WHITE Mar. 1985	VETERAN Feb. 1985	VETERAN Mar. 1985
New Applications	30,472	27,459	13,910	13,999	6,069	6,105	3,522	2,974
Testing	1,057	1,364	741	950	213	344	64	98
Enrolled in Training	564	722	278	344	84	110	58	78
Nonagricultural Placement	4,603	6,421	2,013	2,835	1,121	1,516	728	1,162
Counseling	648	730	289	382	207	303	203	169

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1985
All Manufacturing	$319.06	$322.09	$326.83	40.8	38.9	40.3	$7.82	$8.28	8.11
Durable Goods	337.43	342.21	345.10	41.2	39.7	40.6	8.19	8.62	8.50
Lumber and Wood Prod.	219.74	202.88	221.29	39.1	36.1	39.8	5.62	5.62	5.56
Furniture and Fixtures	254.41	247.81	268.42	39.2	35.2	38.4	6.49	7.04	6.99
Stone,Clay & Glass Prod.	411.87	463.61	465.92	42.2	42.3	44.5	9.76	10.96	10.47
Primary Metal Prod.	425.80	422.53	429.44	41.3	39.6	39.8	10.31	10.67	10.79
Fabricated Metal Prod.	375.06	362.37	367.33	42.0	40.9	41.6	8.93	8.86	8.83
Machinery, Including Elect.	322.09	324.32	320.72	41.4	39.6	39.4	7.78	8.19	8.14
Instru. & Related Prod.	316.52	350.17	343.39	41.0	42.6	43.8	7.72	8.22	7.84
Nondurable Goods	301.38	302.16	308.40	40.4	38.2	40.0	7.46	7.91	7.71
Food & Kindred Prod.	304.17	316.22	319.93	38.6	38.8	39.4	7.88	8.15	8.12
Textile Mill Prod.	249.26	219.13	240.17	41.2	35.4	38.8	6.05	6.19	6.19
Apparel	191.77	171.79	191.66	37.9	33.1	37.0	5.06	5.19	5.18
Paper & Allied Prod.	441.78	449.19	442.53	44.4	43.4	43.3	9.95	10.35	10.22
Chemical & Allied Prod.	385.02	413.48	417.36	41.4	40.3	41.2	9.30	10.26	10.13
Rubber & Plastic Prod.	390.63	424.46	412.72	43.5	44.4	44.0	8.98	9.56	9.38
Leather & Leather Prod.	288.57	195.84	215.95	40.1	34.6	38.7	5.70	5.66	5.58

TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES: 1983, 1984, and 1985
(Not Seasonally Adjusted)



CHATTANOOGA MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	March 1984	February 1985	March 1985	Net Change Mar. 1984 to Mar. 1985	Net Change Feb. 1985 to Mar. 1985
TOTAL	169.9	175.7	176.9	+7.0	+1.2
Manufacturing	43.8	43.7	44.0	+0.2	+0.3
Durable Goods	17.7	17.6	17.8	+0.1	+0.2
Lumber (except furniture)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.7	1.7	1.8	+0.1	+0.1
Primary Metals	4.0	4.1	4.1	+0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	4.8	4.5	4.5	-0.3	0.0
Machinery (except elect.)	2.2	2.3	2.3	+0.1	0.0
All Other	4.3	4.3	4.4	+0.1	+0.1
Nondurable Goods	26.1	26.1	26.2	+0.1	+0.1
Food Products	5.7	5.9	5.9	+0.2	0.0
Textile Mill Products	11.3	11.0	11.0	-0.3	0.0
Knitting Mills	2.8	2.6	2.6	-0.2	0.0
Apparel	1.2	1.1	1.1	-0.1	0.0
Paper Products	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0
Printing and Publishing	1.7	1.9	1.8	+0.1	-0.1
Chemicals	3.4	3.4	3.5	+0.1	+0.1
All Other	1.4	1.4	1.5	+0.1	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	126.1	132.0	132.9	+6.8	+0.9
Mining	1.0	1.0	1.1	+0.1	+0.1
Construction	6.2	7.1	7.5	+1.3	+0.4
Trans., Comm. and Public Util.	7.1	7.3	7.2	+0.1	-0.1
Trade	37.8	39.4	39.7	+1.9	+0.3
Wholesale Trade	9.5	10.3	10.3	+0.8	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	5.9	6.2	6.2	+0.3	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	3.6	4.1	4.1	+0.5	0.0
Retail Trade	28.3	29.1	29.4	+1.1	+0.3
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	10.0	10.4	10.5	+0.5	+0.1
Service	31.9	32.3	32.5	+0.6	+0.2
Government	32.1	34.5	34.4	+2.3	-0.1
Federal	8.9	8.8	8.8	-0.1	0.0
State and Local	23.2	25.7	25.6	+2.4	-0.1
State	5.3	5.3	5.3	0.0	0.0
Local	17.9	20.4	20.3	+2.4	-0.1

Includes Hamilton, Marion, Sequatchie Counties, Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, Walker Counties, Georgia.

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The unemployment rate decreased from 7.7 percent to 6.8 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased from 175,700 to 176,900. Manufacturing employment increases occurred in chemicals; stone, clay, and glass; all other durable; and all other nondurable. Improved weather conditions accounted for the hiring activity. Printing and publishing reported a seasonal decrease. The largest increases in the nonmanufacturing sector occurred in construction and trade. The only decreases occurred in transportation, communications, and public utilities; and government.

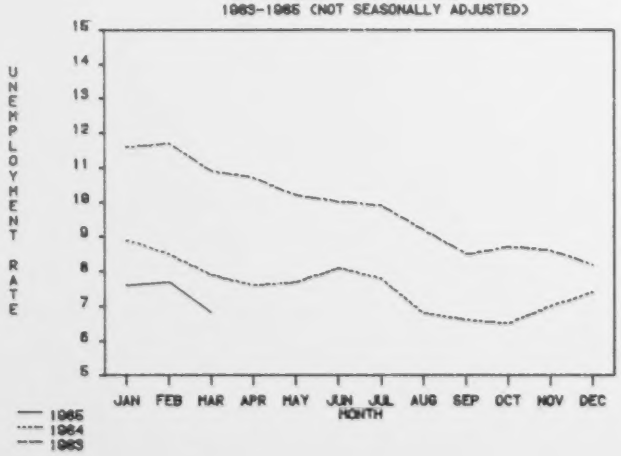
JOB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Feb. 1985	TOTAL Mar. 1985	FEMALE Feb. 1985	FEMALE Mar. 1985	NON-WHITE Feb. 1985	NON-WHITE Mar. 1985	VETERAN Feb. 1985	VETERAN Mar. 1985
New Applications	2,930	1,818	1,239	848	818	476	394	255
Testing	73	137	56	103	27	39	12	13
Enrolled in Training	3	4	0	3	1	1	3	0
Nonagricultural Placement	188	415	59	147	54	105	44	98
Counseling	73	79	22	19	25	29	34	33

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1985
All Manufacturing	$314.76	$293.36	$297.21	43.0	38.0	38.8	$7.32	$7.72	$7.66
Durable Goods	348.61	327.73	339.83	41.9	37.8	39.7	8.32	8.67	8.56
Stone,Clay & Glass Prod.	418.59	365.97	393.04	40.6	33.0	38.8	10.31	11.09	10.13
Iron & Steel Foundries	333.04	350.27	330.50	39.6	40.4	37.6	8.41	8.67	8.79
Fab. Metal Prod.	428.11	404.21	456.26	43.2	41.8	46.7	9.91	9.67	9.77
Machinery, Exc. Elect.	458.28	355.63	364.45	51.9	34.9	36.3	8.83	10.19	10.04
Nondurable Goods	290.60	269.69	267.40	43.7	38.2	38.2	6.65	7.06	7.00
Textile Mill Prod.	265.52	213.01	219.70	47.5	36.6	37.3	5.59	5.82	5.89
Knitting Mills	210.94	189.19	218.18	42.7	35.9	41.4	4.94	5.27	5.27
Paper & Allied Prod.	423.20	388.93	398.26	46.0	41.2	44.9	9.20	9.44	8.87
Chem. & Allied Prod.	426.83	476.01	441.25	41.4	43.0	41.2	10.31	11.07	10.71

CHATTANOOGA MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
1983-1985 (NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)



JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT AND BRISTOL MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	March 1984	February 1985	March 1985	Net Change Mar. 1984 to Mar. 1985	Net Change Feb. 1985 to Mar. 1985
TOTAL	146.9	148.1	148.9	+2.0	+0.8
Manufacturing	53.0	54.1	53.6	+0.6	-0.5
Durable Goods	20.4	22.2	21.6	+1.2	-0.6
Lumber and Wood Products and Furniture and Fixtures	1.8	1.5	1.5	-0.3	0.0
Stone, Clay and Glass	2.1	2.0	2.0	-0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metals	3.9	4.2	4.2	+0.3	0.0
Machinery Including Trans. Equipment	8.8	10.5	10.1	+1.3	-0.4
All Other Durable Goods	3.8	4.0	3.8	0.0	-0.2
Nondurable Goods	32.6	31.9	32.0	-0.6	+0.1
Food Products	2.4	2.4	2.4	0.0	0.0
Textile Mill Products	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Apparel	4.7	4.5	4.6	-0.1	+0.1
Paper and Allied Products and Printing and Publishing	6.4	6.1	6.0	-0.4	-0.1
All Other Nondurable Goods	16.2	16.0	16.1	-0.1	+0.1
Nonmanufacturing	93.9	94.0	95.3	+1.4	+1.3
Mining	0.1	0.2	0.2	+0.1	0.0
Construction	4.8	5.8	6.4	+1.6	+0.6
Trans., Comm. and Public Util.	6.6	5.9	6.0	-0.6	+0.1
Trade	30.0	29.9	30.0	0.0	+0.1
Wholesale Trade	5.9	6.0	6.0	+0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	24.1	23.9	24.0	-0.1	+0.1
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4.8	4.9	4.9	+0.1	0.0
Services	23.2	24.0	23.9	+0.7	-0.1
Government	24.4	23.3	23.9	-0.5	+0.6
Federal	4.5	4.4	4.5	0.0	+0.1
State and Local	19.9	18.9	19.4	-0.5	+0.5
State	4.9	4.9	5.2	+0.3	+0.3
Local	15.0	14.0	14.2	-0.8	+0.2

Includes Washington, Carter, Unicoi, Sullivan, and Hawkins Counties, Tennessee and Washington and Scott Counties and Bristol City, Virginia.

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JOB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

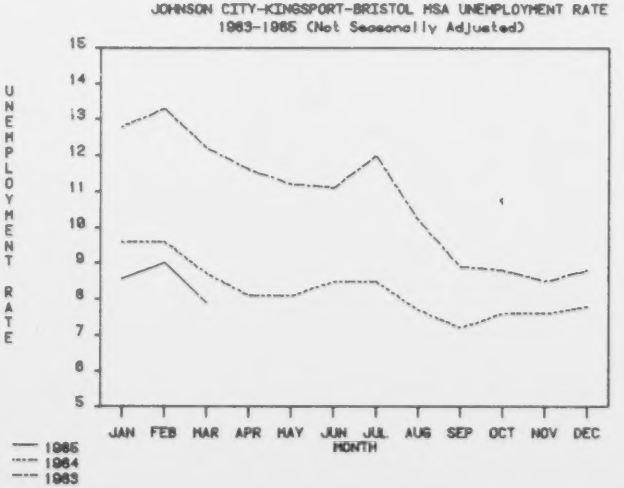
	TOTAL Feb. 1985	TOTAL Mar. 1985	FEMALE Feb. 1985	FEMALE Mar. 1985	NON-WHITE Feb. 1985	NON-WHITE Mar. 1985	VETERAN Feb. 1985	VETERAN Mar. 1985
New Applications	3,327	3,010	1,473	1,446	98	83	388	312
Testing	34	20	12	12	6	2	6	0
Enrolled in Training	64	50	34	17	2	2	4	9
Nonagricultural Placement	229	373	117	164	8	25	41	89
Counseling	56	45	16	19	4	4	31	8

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1984	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1984	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1984	Feb. 1985	Mar. 1985
All Manufacturing	$342.78	$350.47	$371.02	41.2	40.8	42.5	$8.32	$8.59	$8.73
Durable Goods	335.20	324.82	338.97	42.7	40.4	41.9	7.85	8.04	8.09
Fabricated Metal Prod.	377.46	388.58	406.62	40.5	42.1	42.4	9.32	9.23	9.59
Machinery & Trans. Equip.	357.52	332.10	341.46	43.6	40.5	42.0	8.20	8.20	8.13
Nondurable Goods	349.06	367.43	393.88	40.4	40.6	43.0	8.64	9.05	9.16
Food & Kindred Prod.	275.04	387.22	401.89	38.2	49.9	49.8	7.20	7.76	8.07
Apparel	169.61	200.91	255.11	34.9	36.2	46.3	4.86	5.55	5.51

The unemployment rate in the Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol MSA decreased from 9.0 percent to 7.9 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased from 148,100 to 148,900. Manufacturing employment decreased due to layoffs and a decrease in business. Nonmanufacturing employment increased with the largest increases occurring in construction and government due to seasonal factors.

JOHNSON CITY-KINGSPORT-BRISTOL MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
1983-1985 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



KNOXVILLE MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)*

INDUSTRY	March 1984	February 1985	March 1985	Net Change Mar. 1984 to Mar. 1985	Net Change Feb. 1985 to Mar. 1985
TOTAL	228.1	225.7	227.2	-0.9	+1.5
Manufacturing	50.3	50.6	51.0	+0.7	+0.4
Durable Goods	28.6	28.9	29.3	+0.7	+0.4
Lumber (except furniture)	1.7	1.6	1.7	0.0	+0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	2.2	2.3	2.2	0.0	-0.1
Stone, Clay and Glass	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
Machinery (except elect.)	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
All Other	20.3	20.6	21.0	+0.7	+0.4
Nondurable Goods	21.7	21.7	21.7	0.0	0.0
Food Products	3.9	3.8	3.8	-0.1	0.0
Textile Mill Products	3.8	3.3	3.3	-0.5	0.0
Apparel	7.8	8.1	8.1	+0.3	0.0
Printing and Publishing	2.4	2.5	2.6	+0.2	+0.1
All Other	3.8	4.0	3.9	+0.1	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	177.8	175.1	176.2	-1.6	+1.1
Mining	1.9	1.9	2.0	+0.1	+0.1
Construction	10.1	9.0	9.2	-0.9	+0.2
Trans., Comm. and Public Util.	8.4	8.8	8.8	+0.4	0.0
Trade	52.0	53.3	53.5	+1.5	+0.2
Wholesale Trade	12.7	12.7	12.8	+0.1	+0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	8.4	8.5	8.5	+0.1	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.3	4.2	4.3	0.0	+0.1
Retail Trade	39.3	40.6	40.7	+1.4	+0.1
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9.3	9.2	9.1	-0.2	-0.1
Service	48.4	47.9	48.5	+0.1	+0.6
Government	47.7	45.0	45.1	-2.6	+0.1
Federal	9.3	8.5	8.5	-0.8	0.0
State and Local	38.4	36.5	36.6	-1.8	+0.1
State	18.0	18.0	18.0	0.0	0.0
Local	20.4	18.5	18.6	-1.8	+0.1

Includes Anderson, Blount, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Sevier, and Union Counties.
* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households and unpaid family workers are excluded. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

JOB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

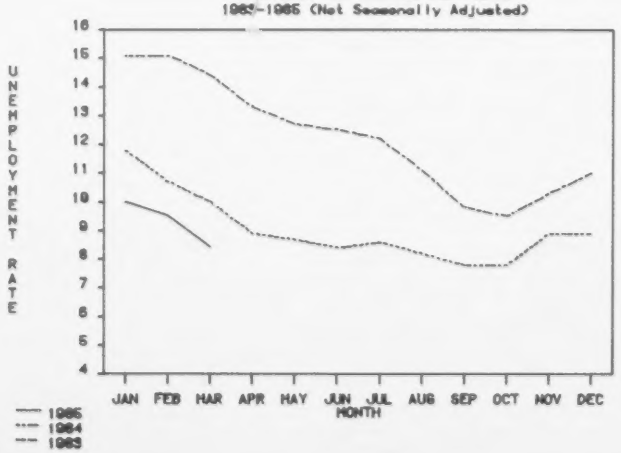
	TOTAL Feb. 1985	TOTAL Mar. 1985	FEMALE Feb. 1985	FEMALE Mar. 1985	NON-WHITE Feb. 1985	NON-WHITE Mar. 1985	VETERAN Feb. 1985	VETERAN Mar. 1985
New Applications	2,616	2,999	1,203	1,541	232	272	318	349
Testing	66	52	38	38	4	1	7	3
Enrolled in Training	66	66	25	35	20	4	11	9
Nonagricultural Placement	494	758	250	334	70	113	86	145
Counseling	54	32	23	17	5	3	17	8

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1985
All Manufacturing	$357.06	$295.12	$321.15	40.9	36.3	40.6	$8.73	$8.13	$7.91
Durable Goods	430.68	338.02	354.40	42.1	37.6	40.0	10.23	8.99	8.86
Stone,Clay & Glass Prod.	396.03	448.94	471.96	41.6	40.3	46.0	9.52	11.14	10.26
Machinery, Exc. Elec.	411.08	342.00	364.22	47.8	38.0	42.4	8.60	9.00	8.59
Nondurable Goods	261.35	238.05	275.68	39.3	34.5	41.3	6.65	6.90	6.68
Food & Kindred Prod.	272.02	282.68	317.14	40.6	44.1	50.5	6.70	6.41	6.28
Textile Mill Prod.	216.54	188.15	213.76	40.4	33.3	37.9	5.36	5.65	5.64
Apparel & Oth. Tex.Prod.	234.74	191.82	255.85	37.8	30.4	41.2	6.21	6.31	6.21

The unemployment rate in the Knoxville MSA decreased from 9.5 percent to 8.4 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased from 225,700 to 227,200, a change of 1,500. Manufacturing increased by 400 with the largest increase occurring in all other durable goods. Furniture and fixtures decreased due to small decreases throughout the industry and all other nondurables decreased due to temporary layoffs. Nonmanufacturing employment increased with the largest increases occurring in services, trade, and construction due to improved weather conditions. The only decrease occurred in finance, insurance, and real estate due to a lack of activity in the real estate sector.

KNOXVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
1983-1985 (Not Seasonally Adjusted)



MEMPHIS MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	March 1984	February 1985	March 1985	Net Change Mar. 1984 to Mar. 1985	Net Change Feb. 1985 to Mar. 1985
TOTAL	366.5	378.2	379.1	+12.6	+0.9
Manufacturing	53.0	52.3	52.2	-0.8	-0.1
Durable Goods	23.2	23.3	23.2	0.0	-0.1
Lumber (except furniture)	2.5	2.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Sawmills and Planing Mills	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Furniture and Fixtures	2.9	2.9	2.9	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	4.5	4.8	4.6	+0.1	-0.2
Nonelectrical Machinery	4.2	4.2	4.3	+0.1	+0.1
Electrical Machinery	2.7	2.8	2.8	+0.1	0.0
All Other	6.4	6.1	6.1	-0.3	0.0
Nondurable Goods	29.8	29.0	29.0	-0.8	0.0
Food Products	8.2	8.1	8.1	-0.1	0.0
Bakery Products	1.3	1.4	1.4	+0.1	0.0
Apparel	2.2	1.7	1.7	-0.5	0.0
Paper Products	5.6	5.5	5.7	+0.1	+0.2
Printing and Publishing	4.4	4.5	4.5	+0.1	0.0
Chemicals	6.9	6.9	6.8	-0.1	-0.1
All Other	2.5	2.3	2.2	-0.3	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	313.5	325.9	326.9	+13.4	+1.0
Mining	0.2	0.1	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Construction	14.8	15.8	16.1	+1.3	+0.3
Trans., Comm. and Public Util.	29.2	31.3	31.3	+2.1	0.0
Trade	99.6	103.9	104.0	+4.4	+0.1
Wholesale	33.1	34.0	33.8	+0.7	-0.2
Wholesale Durable Goods	19.5	20.4	20.3	+0.8	-0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	13.6	13.6	13.5	-0.1	-0.1
Retail	66.5	69.9	70.2	+3.7	+0.3
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	21.2	21.4	21.4	+0.2	0.0
Service	84.7	87.8	88.2	+3.5	+0.4
Government	63.8	65.6	65.8	+2.0	+0.2
Federal	15.4	16.2	16.3	+0.9	+0.1
State and Local	48.4	49.4	49.5	+1.1	+0.1
State	12.9	13.0	12.9	0.0	-0.1
Local	35.5	36.4	36.6	+1.1	+0.2

Includes Shelby and Tipton Counties, Tennessee and Crittendon County, Arkansas.
* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households and unpaid family workers are excluded.
Numbers may not add due to rounding.

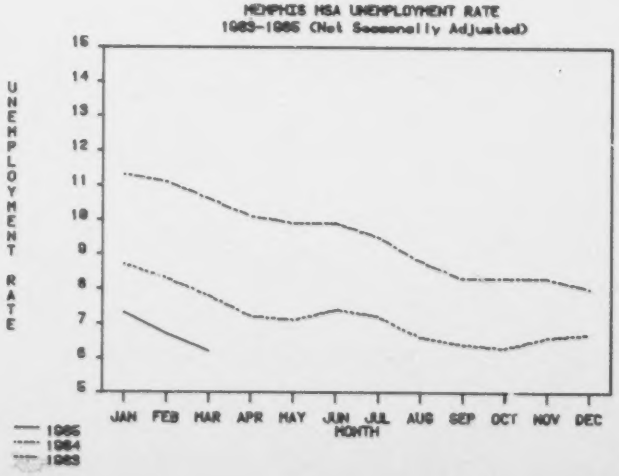
The rate in the Memphis MSA decreased from 6.7 percent to 6.2 percent. Total nonagricultural employment increased from 378,200 to 379,100. Manufacturing reported an overall decrease of 100. The largest decrease occurred in fabricated metal products and was attributed to a strike. Decreases also occurred in all other nondurable and chemicals. The only increases occurred in paper products and nonelectrical machinery. Nonmanufacturing employment increased by 1,000. Services reported the largest increase due to new and expanding businesses. Construction, trade, and government also reported increases.

JOB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

	TOTAL Feb. 1985	TOTAL Mar. 1985	FEMALE Feb. 1985	FEMALE Mar. 1985	NON-WHITE Feb. 1985	NON-WHITE Mar. 1985	VETERAN Feb. 1985	VETERAN Mar. 1985
New Applications	3,197	4,319	1,439	2,311	2,031	2,875	412	568
Testing	127	246	104	185	82	158	9	21
Enrolled in Training	19	36	6	15	16	34	7	2
Nonagricultural Placement	865	922	222	328	530	603	153	147
Counseling	142	233	105	193	108	196	19	19

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1985
All Manufacturing	$331.30	$348.98	$339.10	40.6	39.3	39.8	$8.16	$8.88	$8.52
Durable Goods	291.27	297.21	296.44	39.9	38.8	38.7	7.30	7.66	7.66
Lumber & Wood Prod.	199.29	213.92	211.33	39.7	41.7	41.6	5.02	5.13	5.08
Furniture & Fixtures	227.70	213.60	195.72	39.6	35.6	33.4	5.75	6.00	5.86
Nondurable Goods	367.92	372.93	380.26	41.2	39.8	40.8	8.93	9.37	9.32
Food & Kindred Prod.	361.55	340.05	358.29	39.6	37.7	39.2	9.13	9.02	9.14
Paper & Allied Prod.	424.53	462.27	426.45	46.6	46.6	44.1	9.11	9.92	9.67
Chem. & Allied Prod.	479.90	446.29	472.64	44.6	39.6	42.2	10.76	11.27	11.20



NASHVILLE MSA

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT(in thousands) *

INDUSTRY	March 1984	February 1985	March 1985	Net Change Mar. 1984 to Mar. 1985	Net Change Feb. 1985 to Mar. 1985
TOTAL	399.3	416.1	418.4	+19.1	+2.3
Manufacturing	84.6	86.1	86.4	+1.8	+0.3
Durable Goods	44.8	45.8	46.3	+1.5	+0.5
Lumber (except furniture)	2.1	2.2	2.3	+0.2	+0.1
Furniture and Fixtures	4.3	5.1	5.2	+0.9	+0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	6.9	6.9	7.0	+0.1	+0.1
Machinery	12.3	12.6	12.7	+0.4	+0.3
Transportation Equipment	12.2	11.7	11.4	-0.8	-0.3
All Other	7.1	7.5	7.7	+0.6	+0.2
Nondurable Goods	39.8	40.3	40.1	+0.3	-0.2
Food Products	6.7	6.8	6.8	+0.1	0.0
Textile Mill Products	2.0	1.8	1.6	-0.4	-0.2
Apparel	5.3	5.1	5.1	-0.2	0.0
Printing and Publishing	11.6	12.0	11.9	+0.3	-0.1
Petroleum and Rubber	4.1	4.1	4.3	+0.2	+0.2
Leather	3.7	3.8	3.8	+0.1	0.0
All Other	6.3	6.7	6.6	+0.3	-0.1
Nonmanufacturing	314.7	330.0	332.0	+17.3	+2.0
Construction	20.6	21.5	21.5	+0.9	0.0
Trans., Comm. & Public Util.	21.5	25.5	25.5	+4.0	0.0
Trade	94.1	99.9	100.0	+5.9	+0.1
Wholesale	25.2	27.4	27.4	+2.2	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	14.9	15.9	15.9	+1.0	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	10.3	11.5	11.5	+1.2	0.0
Retail Trade	68.9	72.5	72.6	+3.7	+0.1
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	27.8	29.2	29.4	+1.6	+0.2
Service and Miscellaneous	89.1	92.0	93.3	+4.2	+1.3
Government	61.6	61.9	62.3	+0.7	+0.4
Federal	9.0	8.9	8.9	-0.1	0.0
State and Local	52.6	53.0	53.4	+0.8	+0.4
State	22.2	22.6	22.7	+0.5	+0.1
Local	30.4	30.4	30.7	+0.3	+0.3

Includes Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson Counties, Tennessee.

* Data includes all full and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay week which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households and unpaid family workers are excluded. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

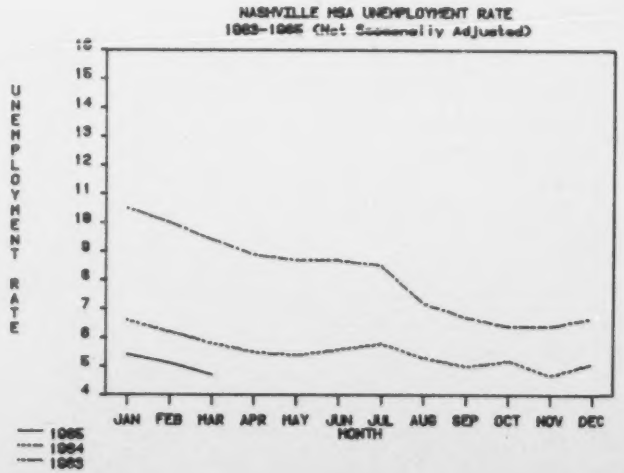
The unemployment rate decreased from 5.1 percent to 4.7 percent in the Nashville MSA. Total nonagricultural employment increased from 416,100 to 418,400. The manufacturing sector reported increases in machinery, petroleum and rubber; lumber; furniture and fixtures; and fabricated metals. The largest decrease occurred in transportation equipment due to a plant closing. The largest increases in nonmanufacturing occurred in services and government. No decreases were reported.

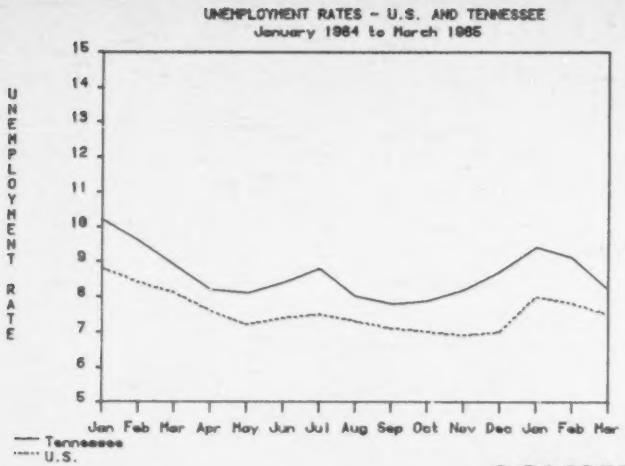
JOB SERVICE ACTIVITIES

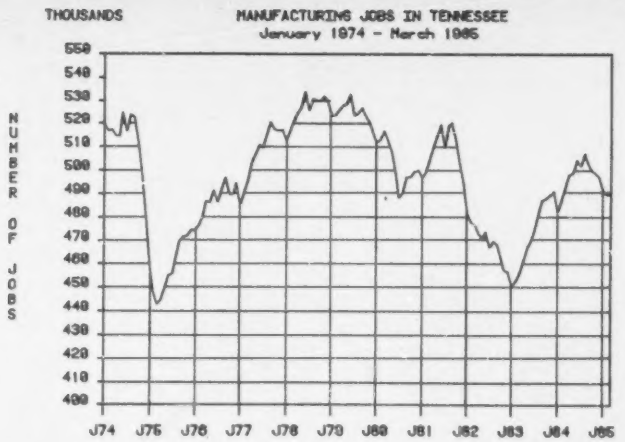
	TOTAL Feb. 1985	TOTAL Mar. 1985	FEMALE Feb. 1985	FEMALE Mar. 1985	NON-WHITE Feb. 1985	NON-WHITE Mar. 1985	VETERAN Feb. 1985	VETERAN Mar. 1985
New Applications	8,024	5,501	3,309	2,538	1,949	1,428	933	536
Testing	106	299	68	167	22	59	5	20
Enrolled in Training	25	29	14	15	8	11	7	6
Nonagricultural Placement	943	1,323	326	544	225	338	182	245
Counseling	61	97	19	2[illegible]	23	29	24	23

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Earnings Mar. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1984	Average Weekly Hours Feb. 1985	Average Weekly Hours Mar. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1984	Average Hourly Earnings Feb. 1985	Average Hourly Earnings Mar. 1985
All Manufacturing	$360.50	$372.78	$367.72	41.2	39.7	40.1	$8.75	$9.39	$9.17
Durable Goods	372.69	381.60	383.90	41.0	39.3	39.7	9.09	9.71	9.67
Nondurable Goods	342.38	361.09	345.54	41.4	40.3	40.7	8.27	8.96	8.49
Food & Kindred Prod.	344.75	388.44	356.80	39.4	41.5	40.0	8.75	9.36	8.92
Printing & Publishing	389.30	348.04	337.68	42.5	38.5	40.2	9.16	9.04	8.40







CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

CPI-U (All Urban Consumers)

				Percent Change	
	March 1984	February 1985	March 1985	Mar. 1984 to Mar. 1985	Feb. 1985 to Mar. 1985
(1967=100)All Items	307.3	317.4	318.8	3.7	0.4

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